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Spence Neighbourhood Associations Supports
The Vacant and Derelict Buildings By-law

On behalf of Spence Neighbourhood Association (SNA), I would like to thank you for the opportunity to express our support for the Vacant and Derelict Buildings By-law. Spence Neighbourhood Association is a non-profit organization doing community revitalization work in the Spence area. We are proud of and want to maintain our multi-income and multi-ethnic community that is safe for everyone, particularly the children.

SNA is in favour of the new Vacant and Derelict Buildings By-Law. It is a step in the right direction since vacant and boarded-up houses have been a problem in our community for some time. For us, it is of utmost importance to get these houses renovated to provide homes for young families. It is well known that vacant houses attract crime, which is detrimental to our community. In addition, they are a fire and safety hazard, costly to the city and taxpayers.

Over the last few years, SNA, in partnership with Winnipeg Housing Rehabilitation Corporation, have renovated several houses. This has been done with funding from all levels of government. Lazarus Housing, another stakeholder, has renovated derelict houses and apartment blocks. Both SNA and Habitat for Humanity have built affordable infill houses. This has given momentum to people to improve and maintain their homes, encouraging new homeowners to come to the community.

As most of you know, SNA has developed a five-year community-housing plan. In collaboration with other agencies, we are moving forward slowly to achieve our goals and we belief that the by-law will help us to do so more rapidly. We encourage all other stakeholders to share their housing ideas so that we can work on the same plan. We welcome the partnership with both the public and private sectors to make additional homes available to new private homeowners who choose to live near services.

Renovating small clusters of houses have the greatest impact. The majority are derelict buildings and this by-law will help us purchase them, keeping the final product affordable to low and medium income clients. Some of the houses identified have been boarded-up for more that ten years, reflecting badly on the community. These types of houses will be dealt with much quicker under the new by-law, adding to the stock available for renovation

The SNA area is part of the Daniel MacIntyre District, which is woefully lacking in green space. As we maintain and review our housing plan, we try hard to achieve a better balance between housing, businesses and green space. Some of the derelict buildings are not worth restoring and the space would much better serve the community as a small park or a community garden. The

best people to make this decision are those living close to the derelict building that is not restorable.

In summary, this by-law has four progressive elements:

1. More housing – Making more housing stock available more quickly.
2. Economic improvement - Providing more jobs in the building trades
3. Reduced urban sprawl - Making the inner city more attractive to young families.
4. Environmentally friendly - Improves the balance of buildings and green space.

Spence Neighbourhood Association asks Council members to support and pass this new by-law, accelerating the improvement of their city.